Irvington collection
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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Irvington collection
Date	1873-1970; 2008-2016
Extent	0.02 Cubic feet 2 folders
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S2173

Preferred Citation

Irvington collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

Historical Note

Jacob Julian and Sylvester Johnson purchased 320 acres for a new community in Marion County in 1873. They named the town Irvington after America's first world-renowned author, Washington Irving. The original plans of Irvington envisioned a community of impressive homes surrounded by large grounds. however, the depression of 1873-1874 and its aftermath caused many owners of large homes and grounds to subidivide their properties so that less affluent families were able to build modest homes in the very yards of mansions. Having withstood social and economic changes of great magnitude, Irvington became a stable community over the years and is now a popular historic neighborhood within Indianapolis.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a variety of materials, including transcriptions, personal notes, letters, a poll book, a tax table, financial statements, bonds covering public officials, legal agreements, a political platform, a map, and a newspaper clipping, ranging from 1873 to 1970, regarding the town of Irvington, Indiana.

Generally, the materials all relate to the civic and political affairs of the town of Irvington, now a neighborhood of Indianapolis. Topics covered include early laws pertaining to the keeping of livestock, school bonding, provision of water works, creation of a park, street construction and maintenance, the election and resignation of public officials, assessment and taxation, crime prevention and public safety, and control of the sale of intoxicating beverages.

A 2016 addition to the collection includes ephemera from community events such as the Halloween Festival, marathons, holiday events, and art openings, ranging from 2008 to 2016. There is also historical information via the Bona Thompson Memorial Library, Irvington Historical Society, and materials regarding gardening and historic homes.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from George S. Cottman on 1931/05/04. The addition was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from the Irvington Historical Society on 2016/02/16.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/01/21 by Lauren Patton. EAD finding aid created 2016/01/21 by Lauren Patton. EAD finding aid revised 2017/11/14 by Lauren Patton.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Ephemera

- Maps

Geographic Name(s)

- Irvington (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Cities and towns
- City planning--Indiana--Indianapolis
- Dwellings
- Festivals--Indiana
- Indianapolis (Ind.)--Civic and community affairs
- Libraries--Indiana
- Neighborhoods
- Newspaper articles
- Politics and government
- Societies and clubs
- Statutes and codes--Indiana
- Voting
- Voting registers